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The attached Form PTO/SB/08 also identifies two further references, i.e., DE 195 48 176 cited and discussed in the present application on page 2, and US 6,009,918 that is a counterpart of EP 0874930 cited and discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the present application. A copy of reference DE 195 48 176 is attached. It is further noted that two of the references cited in the International Search Report, i.e., DE 29 35 504 and DE 100 35 886, are also cited and discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the present application.

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